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4. Jackie totally and within every inch of her being disagrees with the statement of having only one “correct” yet limited, narrow minded view of interpreting the Bible. Like any other piece of work there are millions upon millions of interpretations that can be collected. Not one view is the correct view or the only view. Only reading something once and viewing it once is limited and foolish. If one were to read the same piece years later they may take something from it they may have never had before. The same goes with the Bible; an avid Christian may view the words of God as sacred and true. Someone who isn’t a devout, but is curious may look upon each solemn as something with interest. A historian may view the Bible as a combination of different religions like Zoroastrian, Judaism, and even Islamic that still remains a popular religion today. The Puritans had this mental thought and look at them now, there are a limited number of Puritans, their lifestyle and way of thought has died with them, and novels portray them as foolish and hypocrites of their own teaching and belief system. How can anyone expect society and individuals to have grown into the stage 3 society that America has become today if we only had one way of thinking and interpreting events. Science would not have expanded to the point where we can communicate with people from around the globe, the lifespan of humans would have remained at 30 due to all the illnesses that were not cured, and interaction between countries through trade and policies would not have occurred; if anything we would remain tribal and animalistic (even though we cannot hide these instincts), the population would continue to be unstable, and we would be surrounded by idoits. One view point hurts and limits the idea of creativity. Art follows the same mold; if two people with the same educational background and same lifestyle were to view a portrait it is guaranteed that each individual would gain a new insight and depth on the picture itself. Interpretation based on the Bible depends on the individual and their environment. An child may grow up with Devout parents and see the Bible as a memory from their childhood. At the same time there are many different Bibles for each religion. There are Bibles for Protestant, Catholic, Christians, and even Presbyterian that each one will view and speak of the same event in the Bible different. Even the language that it is written in can be viewed completely differently as well. Certain words may translate differently and certain words may have power and strength that to others may not feel anything. Even social status and place of birth affect the mindset and attitudes toward the Bible. Those born in the Rust Belt may view the Bible as a necessity to everyday life as they continue to live the “obsolete” way of life. People in a busy urban center may see the Bible as semi-important, but not play a major role in every aspect of their lives.